

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chairman Roy Brown, on March 16, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 214, 2/23/2009; HB 263,
2/23/2009; HB 264, 2/23/2009

Executive Action: HB 214; HB 263; HB 264; HB 106;
HB 243; HB 307

HEARING ON HB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:53 Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D), HD 54, opened the hearing
on HB 214, Revise medicaid eligibility for pregnant
women.
00:02:19 Sen. Hinkle present
00:03:15 Sen. Schmidt present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:47 Greg Trude, Executive Director, Right to Life Montana
00:04:17 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals in Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:06 Rep. MacDonald

HEARING ON HB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:49 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB
263, Ensure patient's right to know costs of medical
procedures.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:59 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
00:13:56 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:14:39 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals in Montana
00:15:20 Bill Warden, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, St. Peter's
Hospital
00:15:22 Sen. Juneau left the room.
00:15:48 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:16:27 Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic
00:18:03 Margaret Morgan, Montana Physical Therapists
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:10 Chairman Brown
00:19:28 Mr. Olsen, MHA
00:20:13 Chairman Brown
00:20:21 Mr. Olsen, MHA
00:20:46 Sen. Larsen
00:21:15 Mr. Olsen, MHA
00:21:28 Sen. Hinkle left the room.
00:21:51 Sen. Larsen
00:22:06 Mr. Olsen, MHA
00:23:32 Sen. Larsen
00:23:54 Mr. Olsen, MHA
00:24:45 Chairman Brown
00:25:16 Mr. Olsen, MHA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:41 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:02 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 264, Patient's right to know insurer coverage provisions for medical procedures.

00:30:31 Sen. Hinkle present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:41 Susan Witte, Allegiance Life and Health Insurance Company
00:32:07 Frank Cote, Montana Blue Cross and Blue Shield
00:33:09 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:33:25 Pat Melby, MMA
00:33:44 Bob Olsen, MHA
00:33:57 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals in Montana
00:35:08 Bill Warden, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital
00:35:23 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:23 Rep. Smith

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 264

00:38:24 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 264 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:38:57 Sen. Larsen

00:39:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Juneau voted aye by proxy. Sen. Essmann will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 263

00:40:06 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 263 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:40:08 Sen. Larsen

00:41:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Juneau voted aye by proxy. Sen. Essmann will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 214

00:41:13 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 214 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:41:17 Chairman Brown

00:41:43 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:42:09 Chairman Brown

00:41:59 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD

00:42:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Juneau voted aye by proxy. Sen. Larsen will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 106

00:43:09 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **HB 106 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:43:43 Sen. Murphy

00:43:50 Sen. Hinkle

00:43:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Juneau voted aye by proxy. Sen. Murphy will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243

00:44:57 **Motion:** Sen. Schmidt moved that **HB 243 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:45:35 Sen. Schmidt

00:46:14 Chairman Brown

00:46:52 Sen. Schmidt

00:47:09 Sen. Murphy

00:47:43 Sen. Schmidt

00:47:49 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD

00:48:01 Sen. Murphy

00:48:11 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD

00:48:19 Sen. Schmidt

00:50:01 Sen. Larsen

00:51:20 Chairman Brown

00:51:27 Sen. Schmidt

00:51:50 Sen. Hinkle

00:52:31 Chairman Brown

00:52:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinkle voting no. Sen. Juneau voted aye by proxy. Sen. McGee will carry the bill in the Senate.

Further discussion:

00:53:32 Chairman Brown

00:53:40 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 307

00:53:54 **Motion:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 307 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:54:31 Chairman Brown

00:54:36 Sen. Murphy

00:55:11 Chairman Brown

00:55:15 Sen. Murphy

00:55:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Juneau voted aye by proxy. Sen. Hinkle will carry the bill in the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs58aad.pdf](#))